Closure of post offices in Ahmedabad

2838. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken by the Postmaster General, Ahmedabad, that Post Offices at eight places in Ahmedabad are to be closed down and the Extra Departmental Employees to be totally retrenched by the third week of November, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the local people have opposed the closure of Post Offices and sent protest telegrams and letters to the Department; and

(d) whether the representations have been considered by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, as far as ED employees are concerned, the decision is only to abolish the extra departmental posts sanctioned for these eight post offfices. As regards the services of the extra departmental employees appointed against these posts the matter will be dealt with according to the instructions on the subject.

(b) The post offices ordered to be closed down are:—

(1) Bhairavnath Road (2) Jamalpur Chakla (3) LG Hospital (4) Navrangpur (5) Asarva Chakla (6) New Chanpura (7) Sonaria Block (8) Rakhal.

the reasons for the said orders is that these post offices have been opened beyond the requirements of the norms prescribed by the Department for opening of post offices in urban areas.

(c) No, Sir, Apart from a representation from one of the Service Unions in the Circle, there are no reports to the effect that local people have sent protest telegrams/letters to the Department.

(d) In the light of reply to (c) above, the qestion does not arise.

Ex-factory value of bulk drugs

2839. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the ex-factory value of bulk drugs and formulations produced by Unichem, Cadila, Alembic, Cipla, Ranabaxy, Sarabhai, Themis, Abbot, Ethnor, Geoffery Manner, Warner Hindustan Fulford, Cynamide and E-Merck and ratio percentage during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) names of the companies having foreign equity more than 26 per cent;

(c) names of the bulk drugs being manufactured by each company along with names of the drugs for which each one of these companies developed technical know-how first in the country;

(d) what was the value of exports made by each company during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) names of the companies who received recognition or awards in the field of exports, development of indigenous technology and innovative technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Except M/s. Abbot and M/s. Hindustan Warner, all other companies conform to the ratio parameter of the 1978 Drug Policy in relation to the value of production of the bulk drugs and the value of production of formulations.

(b) The requisite information has already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1301 dt. 13-5-1985.

(c) To the extent available, the details are given in the Statement annexed.

(d) and (e) These details are not regularly mentioned by this Department.